

What I hope for Montreal is that we put more effort into making our city physically accessible for people with disabilities, in both the public and the private sector. It makes no sense for example that brand new playgrounds are being built (eg Lafontaine Park) with no accessible elements and that small businesses are not required to make any effort to make their spaces accessible.

I also hope we can implement creative thinking to convert some of our empty commercial spaces into much needed social housing, and consider creative ideas for temporary shelter like those being tried in some European cities.

In addition to green space and prioritizing pedestrians, cycling and public transit, we need to get our act together when it comes to trash. Litter is a big problem. There are not enough public garbage bins, there are not enough trash picking initiatives, and there needs to be a better system for pickup of trash and recycling than leaving it in bags on the street, which are easily damaged by animals or passers by, leaving trash strewn everywhere.

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